

CENTRAL WYOMING CHAPTER PROGRESS REPORT

Since the "birth" of the Central Wyoming Chapter in 2003, we have grown from a core requirement of 25 members to 151 active members as of 04/21/2009. We have gone from having no bank account to contributions totaling approximately \$46,955 to support various conservation, education and humanitarian efforts as follows:

- \$250 donation to the Wyoming Chapter, Foundation for North American Wild Sheep for a predator control project in bighorn sheep hunt area 22 (the badlands area) east/southeast of Dubois.
- \$250 donation to the Tom Thorne - Beth Williams Award Fund in 2005 in memory of Tom Thorne and Beth Williams - veterinarians with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department who were tragically killed in an automobile accident.
- \$500 to support the 2008 Sportsmen Against Hunger Program in Converse and Natrona Counties, Wyoming.
- \$750 in donations to the Wind River Council, Boy Scouts of America in support of firearms training and education at their Buffalo Bill facility in Park County, Wyoming.
- \$1,000 in support of the Teacher Applications submitted by Lisa Hawkins (2004) and Meredith Widiker (2008) to attend the American Wilderness Leadership School at the SCIF Granite Creek Ranch Facility in Teton County, Wyoming.
- \$1,000 donation to High Places, Inc. (a non-profit organization) specifically for the purchase of mosquito netting for native children residing in the Zambezi River valley of Zambia in an effort to reduce their exposure to malaria and support the medical mission of Dave Lundin, SCI Life Member and President of the Montana Chapter in Billings. An additional \$500 will be donated to this humanitarian effort in 2009.
- \$1,000 to support the SCIF Blue Bag Program to date. The Central Wyoming Chapter has purchased four "blue bags" from the SCIF and will provide financial assistance to Chapter members traveling overseas who wish to take a blue bag filled with supplies for local schools, orphanages, health clinics, etc. Blue Bags sponsored by the Central Wyoming Chapter went to Botswana and Namibia in 2008.
- \$1,000 donation to the SCI Alaska Chapter in 2008 to defeat anti-hunting legislation in the State of Alaska.
- \$2,000 contribution to the SCIF American Wilderness Leadership School (AWLS) in Teton County
- \$2,500 donation to the Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust in 2006 specifically earmarked for the Bates Creek Watershed Restoration Project. The Central Wyoming Chapter also made application to the SCI Foundation for a matching grant with the result that an additional \$1,963 in matching funds was donated to the WWNRT by the SCIF. These donations were matched dollar for dollar from the challenge grant funds approved by the Wyoming Legislature in 2006 resulting in a total contribution of \$8,926 to the WWNRT.
- \$3,500 in donations to Conservation Force to support their on-going work to preserve hunting opportunities worldwide.
- \$8,333 to provide the SCI Sensory Safari Trailer for the Wyoming Hunting and Fishing Heritage Expo in 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008.
- \$10,000 donation over a two year period (2006 and 2007) to support the Wyoming Wildlife Heritage 2030 Conservation Congress held in May of 2007 here in Casper.
- \$12,409 to support the Hunter Education Program through the Wyoming Game and Fish Department since 2005.

A total of \$46,955 has been contributed to these causes by the Central Wyoming Chapter since inception - with approximately 85% of these contributions benefiting conservation and education efforts right here in Wyoming!